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Patrick Hamilton

WHEN PATRICK HAMILTON, Scottish Lutheran proto-martyr, was burned at the stake at St. Andrews on 29 February 1528, it was said "the reek of Patrick Hamilton infected all on whom it did blow".

Hamilton came of the most influential families in Scotland. His father was the first Lord Hamilton, his mother was related to the King. At the age of fourteen, Patrick was made Abbot of Ferne. At the university in Paris (M.A. 1520), he was attracted by the writings of Martin Luther. Appointed professor at St. Andrews University in 1524, he began to espouse Lutheran teaching publicly. Threatened with a charge of heresy by Archbishop Beaton, he took the advice of friends and fled to Wittenberg where he visited Luther and Melancthon. At Marburg, he was offered a home by William Tyndal himself in exile. But Hamilton yearned for his own country and, in 1527, he returned to Scotland.

Archbishop Beaton did not wait long. He invited Hamilton to a conference, encouraged him to speak frankly on the reforms he thought necessary, and then, suddenly, had him seized and brought to trial for propounding Lutheran teaching. Hamilton was condemned and burned the same day - twenty-four years old..

In his defense, Patrick Hamilton maintained that "a man is not justified by works, but by faith" and that "it was lawful to all men that have soul to read the Word of God; and that they are able to understand the same, and in particular the latter will and testament of Jesus Christ".

Hamilton died for and by these truths. His death, as John Foxe says, was "not without great fruit to the church of God; for the grave testimony of his blood left the verity and truth of God more fixed and confirmed in the hearts of many than ever after could be plucked away".

The Origin of Creeds

It is believing in the heart that makes a man righteous before God, and it is stating his belief by his own mouth that confirms his salvation", J. B. Phillips translates Romans x,10. What a man believes in his heart, that he will confess with his lips. That is his creed or confession.

A creed is man's reply to the Word of God, the believer's "Yes, I believe" to the revelation of Christ. When the apostles baptized, as bidden, "in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost", it called forth from the baptized person the response: "I believe in the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost". So, in fact, two of the three ancient Creeds began: as baptismal confessions.

The concise and authoritative summaries of Christian belief which we call creeds and confess in our Lutheran services did not originate in the Bible. Yet in the Scriptures we have traces of creeds. When our Lord asked Martha whether she believed in Him, she replied: "Yea, Lord. I do believe that Thou art the Christ, the Son of God, even He that cometh into the world". (John xi,27). St. Paul summarizes the Faith for the Corinthians: "That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again according to the Scriptures" (I Cor.viii,6).

Over the first five centuries, the church adopted three creeds, all of them based structurally on the baptismal command of our Lord. A medieval writer, Ludolph of Saxony, describes them thus: "There are three symbols: the first of the Apostles, the second of the Nicene Council, the third of St. Athanasius; the first for instruction in the faith, the second for the explanation of the faith, the third for the defence of the faith".

In following issues, The British Lutheran will deal with these and later Lutheran confessions.

THE CLAIMS OF OUR KING

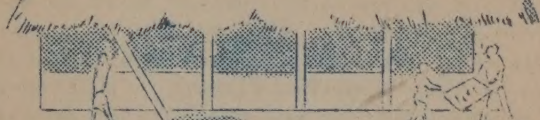
When our Lord, preparing for His great entry into Jerusalem, sent two disciples ahead to bring back an ass and her foal, He told them that if the owners made any kind of objection, they were to say: "The Lord hath need of them".

A strange King this! He claims dominion over the world, yet has to borrow another man's beast to make His entry! He is the Bread of the world, yet must indebt Himself to a boy in the crowd for a few loaves and fishes! He is Lord and Master, yet confesses He has no place to lay His head and must rely upon the hospitality of friends! He is the Resurrection and the Life, yet must lie in a borrowed grave!

This is the King whom we welcome into our lives in Adventide. He comes to us and asks our time, our talent, our treasure. He has need of them. Without the help of men and women who believe in Him, He cannot establish His reign. Yet He is King, the Creator and Owner of all that is. It is not that we are the lords and the Lord is the beggar. Just the opposite. "If I were hungry, I would not tell thee, for the world is mine. Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills" (Psalm 50).

But our Advent King does not make His claim upon us as the Lord who has created us by His power but as the Saviour who has redeemed us by His blood. He who rides into Jerusalem on another man's beast to give Himself up to suffering and death comes to us, not as the Almighty, but as the Crucified. His love pleads with our love. He will not force the hand that grasps possessions, but gifts surrender to Him as He surrendered Himself for us, He needs and He will own. Does our heart whisper to us that He has need of something which we have, but have not yet given to Him? And is it possible that we can hesitate as to the answer?

Honeymoon in New Guinea



A five-year "honeymoon" in the wilds of New Guinea among tribes of primitive natives awaits a young American couple this Autumn.

They will build their home out of wood from a craggy mountainside, their furniture the same way. Supplies from the outside world will reach them only by aeroplane. There are no roads. They will grow most of their own food. Their neighbours will be dark-skinned Melanesians, who live in grass huts, wear bones for decorations, and greatly fear the presence of evil spirits.

Yet, when James Kahre, 23, and Dorothy Rau, 19, walked down the aisle of Trinity Lutheran Church in Evansville, Indiana, on 13 September, they were "anxious to start" on their unusual adventure.

They will be part of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod's mission team attempting to bring Christ to one of the most remote parts of the world. Dorothy has never seen New Guinea. Jim has. He was one of the seven Walther League mission builders who went there three years ago.

On 1 October they boarded a plane for New Guinea, where they have agreed to devote the next five years to the work of their church. Jim will help build churches and schools for the missionaries. Dorothy will help out as teacher.

("Clergy Bulletin", Southern California District)

BOREHAM WOOD First Communion celebrated at first Confirmation Service on 2 November when class of two, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Crawley were admitted into full Lutheran membership ... as at similar occasion at Petts Wood in May, a group from St. Andrews of South Ruislip, led by their pastor, attended and helped in the first chanting of the Communion liturgy ... after somewhat disappointing attendances first full week larger audiences for weekly Saturday evening films to go throughout the whole winter ... worshipping regularly at Boreham Wood where at the ABC studio he is making a TV series on the Australian Flying Doctor is Hollywood actor, Richard Denning, and his family.

GRINDON Two-week film showings attended by a total of 500 ... 120 children at special showing of "Martin Luther" ... Bible Class begins study of "The Bible in a scientific Age" ... 11 enrolled in Junior Confirmation Class ... two youth clubs to begin soon.

TOTTENHAM Luther Society plans party for 2 December for old-age pensioners of congregation and neighbourhood ... Children's Choir, under direction of Miss Joan Kemp rehearsing every Thursday for Children's Christmas Service

RUISLIP Two new instruction classes begun ... adult group consists of 4 prospects and 3 members on a "refresher", the junior of keen teenagers ... instructed by Miss Christina Taylor, Junior Youth Club making centrepieces for presents ... Voters' Assembly eagerly discussing plans for new church ... planning permission from local authority already granted.

On the 6th and 20th of October, representatives from all London congregations met with the CEF committee at 42, Museum Street.

Topic: What is good and what is bad about the CEF.

This is a report of what was said at the meeting.

'CEF? We're All For It!'

Present at the two meetings:

LUTHER-TYNDALE: Rev. N. Heintz, Messrs. G. Lawton, G. Gutbrod, T. Reynolds; HOLY TRINITY: Rev. R. Winger, Messrs. W. Aichroth, Albert Smith, D. Stevens, Mrs. O. Cannon; ST. ANDREWS: Miss M. Brown; CHRIST CHURCH: Rev. J. Sims, Messrs. S. Watkins, S. Bamford; and the CEF COMMITTEE.

When asked about the CEF, they summed up

"WE'RE ALL FOR IT!"

At the two meetings, thirteen men and women - pastors, presidents of congregations, senior elders, local CEF representatives - were urged to air their doubts and objections to the CEF.

They had none. Questions, yes. Real objections, no.

They said

"WE DON'T NEED TO BE CONVINCED"

On this point, this is what was said: "We know that the CEF is doing an important job in the church... We don't need convincing ... And we don't need any greater incentives to participate ... The interest rate is fine - anyway, our greatest satisfaction comes from knowing that we can help supply badly needed churches with our savings ... And we know that we can get our money back when we need it".

The eldest man present, a faithful leader in his church for many, many years, wrapped it all up nicely with a single sentence: "I'm all for it!"

But, they went on

"WE WANT MORE STIMULATING INFORMATION"

1. We want more ARTICLES in the Sunday Bulletins and in the British Lutheran, showing concrete needs and actual building projects, illustrated with pictures wherever possible.
2. We want a CEF EVENING for our congregation, in which our people can view colour-slides of the "Before and After" of a CEF project, to show the difference that CEF can make in Kingdom work, the

CEF

applied programme of a mission that is restricted
to a rented hall one or two evenings a week compared
with the flourishing, full-scale programme
where proper buildings have been supplied.

We want our Sunday Bulletins to show our congregation's MONTHLY PARTICIPATION in the CEF, not only our total for the year, so that we can gauge our progress.

We want INFORMATIVE TALKS from our CEF Representative to the congregation, Sunday School, Men's Assembly, Ladies' Guild, and other groups in the congregation, occasionally.

We want our Pastor to remind us frequently, by sermons and prayers, that in the CEF our savings are BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF OUR SAVIOUR.

That's more, they said

"WE WANT MORE CONVENIENT METHODS OF USING THE CEF
TO ENCOURAGE REGULAR SAVING FOR CHRIST"

We want the CEF Representative to help us acquire the good habit of regular saving, so that our weekly or monthly investment in CEF Stamps and Certificates becomes as easy and automatic as taking our Sunday offering along to church, or more like a "save-as-you-earn" scheme. We should like to see our CEF Representative at some convenient place at church every Sunday where we can meet him to make our investment.

Two things that might also be helpful: to have individual "CEF Investment Envelopes" available and "CEF Savings Banks" in our homes.

We want to make the CEF a normal part of our every-day lives as Lutheran Christians.

Finally, they suggested

"WE WANT MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO USE THE CEF

1. We want a CEF Collecting Box, preferably in the shape of a church building, at the exit of the church, where we may conveniently leave a gift of gratitude on special occasions as birth, baptism confirmation, marriage or their anniversaries.
2. Would not CEF Certificates make excellent gifts for Christmas, birthdays, and other occasions. Such Certificates, or a Stamp Book containing one or more CEF Savings Stamps, would not only encourage a child to save but would also give him an interest in the church. (See form below).

Summing up,

"YES, WE'RE ALL FOR IT"

because we know the CEF is doing a big job for the Kingdom of Christ and because we know that the CEF enables every member to do his part in that glorious task.

APPLICATION FORM FOR CEF GIFT CERTIFICATES

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WENTISH TOWN Mission Festival, 9 November, a full day for Luther-Tyndale: Children's Mission Service in the morning followed by film on New Guinea Mission - 3 P.M. Service in which Pastor Roger Winger spoke on "Our Mission Responsibilities - tea and Hong Kong handiwork display - 6.30 P.M. Service with Pastor Floyd Bosch preaching on "The Saviour's View of the Mission Field" ... first time in more than a decade that mission speakers have been MCE pastors ... comment of several members: "Good to hear our own men" ... offering of over £70 for Australian New Guinea field ... "How Many Lutherans are There?" discussed by November Ladies' Guild who decided to invite all ladies' groups in London to their 2 December Christmas Party ... Mr. T. Reynolds busy every night fitting new oil-fired heating system in hall ... Junior Youth Club began November 20 in church hall.

UNDERLAND An average of 70 per night saw the two films "Reaching from Heaven" and "Venture of Faith" from 27 Oct. - 1 Nov. ... two special showings: Friday afternoon for old folks from four different homes, Saturday afternoon for all local children ... good response to appeal for boys to be sent to children in Hungary ... upswing in church attendance since return to evening service.

CARDIFF After viewing proposed Fairwater site and community hall at present used for Lutheran services, Executive Councillors Lutz, Fry, and Pearce with Pastor Marvin Brammeier discussed building plans with Cardiff architect on 16 November ... contract for site now at hand ... as result of recent film series, several new faces at Sunday evening services ... youth club attendance now up to 27.

Your Missions Around the World

MARVIN BRAMMELER

MISSIONS CORRESPONDENT

A CHANGED SCHOOL IN JAPAN

Reporting to the Board for Missions in Foreign Countries in May, the Rev. Albert Carow, missionary at Hanno, Japan, stated: "Seven years ago this October, our church took over a private school. I am told this was a school of the poorest reputation. The students, then all boys, were rough and low academically. The teachers were unambitious and of poor quality. The buildings were filthy inside. At that time there were 145 students who stayed on when our church took over. Gradually, improvement was made. Most of the old teachers resigned and new teachers of better quality were hired. Mr. Sawada, a hard-working and zealous Christian of our church in Hanno, became the Principal. The community began to take note of "Seibo Gaku-en" the reputation gradually improved, and today there are 357 students. Over 50 were turned away because the school is now filled to a bulging capacity."

LUTHERAN ADVOCATES STUDY OF MUSLIM THEOLOGY

After Indonesia and Pakistan, India claims the largest Muslim population in the world - about 4 million, Canadian Ernest Hahn, missionary to the Muslims in India, reports. "A proper communication of the Christian message to the Muslim still remains imperfectly developed. Islam has a well developed, intricate and complex theology strongly influenced by Greek philosophy. One dare not avoid a serious study of Muslim theology. Here also we continue to be unprofitable servants, hardly able to claim that we have even begun to do our duty."

JAPANESE MISSION TEN YEARS OLD

Our Japanese Lutheran Church reached its tenth birthday on 19 September. During its first decade it has grown to 60 stations with 1500 members.

FOG CUTS SHORT YOUTH RALLY AT RUISLIP

Fifty ELCE youth from Kentish Town, Tottenham, Boreham Wood and Ruislip, gathered at the Community Hall in South Ruislip on Sunday, 16 November, for their Autumn Youth Rally, had to cut short their programme because of a thickening November fog. For the same reason, youth from Petts Wood, 32 miles across London, and a guitarist, engaged for the occasion, were unable to come.

The young people donated their offering in the opening service, conducted by Pastor Arnold Rakow, to the ministerial training project at Cambridge. The lecture on "Bible Reading" by Prof. Holland Jones was heard and debated with great interest.

RAKOW NAMED CONTACT FOR AMERICAN SERVICEMEN

The Rev. Arnold Rakow will serve as ELCE contact pastor for American Lutheran military personnel stationed in Britain. Mr. Rakow was asked to serve in this capacity by the other ELCE pastors, meeting for their bi-monthly Barnes Conference at 42 Museum Street, London, from 10-11 November. This action, taken in response to the request of the Armed Services Commission of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will improve the spiritual service which the church in Britain is able to render to American and Canadian servicemen stationed here. The close association with USAF personnel from the nearby HQ at South Ruislip fits the Ruislip pastor for this assignment.

The Conference continued their study of Article IV of the Formula of Concord, discussed Baptism, Confirmation, and Christian Burial, and began an exegetical examination of Deuteronomy led by Prof. Holland Jones. All pastors and their wives were invited to the concluding service of Holy Communion of Luther-Tyndale Memorial Congregation.

The next meeting, 12-13 January 1959 in London, will hear an essay on "Female Suffrage in the Church" by the Rev. Roger Winger of Tottenham.

EXPLORATORY LADIES' MEETING IN JANUARY

Implementing Resolution No. 2 of the 1957 Synod, the Executive Council, at its meeting 18 November, asked its chairman to convene a meeting of Lutheran women - one or two from each London congregation - to explore the possibility of establishing an ELCE national women's organization. A recommendation will be submitted to the 1959 Synod at Boreham Wood. Existing Ladies' Guilds are encouraged to place this question on their agendas. Invitations will be issued soon to the meeting which will take place probably in January.

The Council also dealt with 1957 Resolutions 3 and 4 on "Bible Class Attendance" and "Proportionate Giving". Samples of new printed materials on Christian giving have been sent out to all pastors. Further consideration was given to building plans for Ruislip, Grindon, and Cardiff. Following the report of Councillor E.C. Lutz on a visit made by a three-man committee to Cardiff on 16 November, the Council asked for further sketches for a contemporary church building, part of which might be used as a church hall. Another committee will meet with St. Andrews Building Committee on Sunday, 23 November.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR CEF ON ADVENT SUNDAY

Special prayers for the Church Extension Fund will be said in all ELCE congregations on 30 November, the First Sunday in Advent, according to a recent recommendation of the CEF Executive Committee. It also suggested that a layman address the congregation on the subject after the service.

1959 CONTINENTAL YOUTH TOUR

Pastor John Sims, Youth Board Chairman, reports that efforts to arrange an ELCE Youth Tour to Denmark for Summer 1959 promise success. Tentative enquiries have also been made to sister-churches in Alsace (France), Germany and Finland.

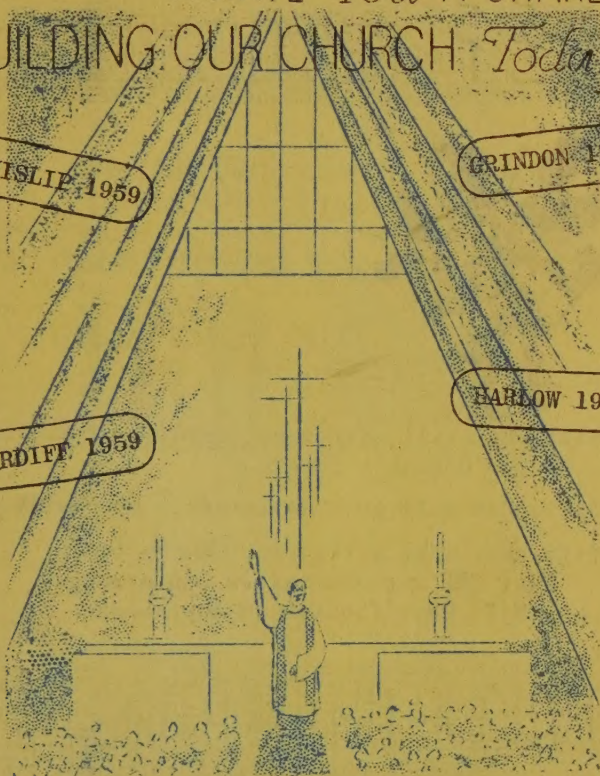
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